

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2014, AT 9.45AM

PRESENT:

Claire Barlow (Mayor/Chair)
Cr Murray Cox
Cr Graham Smith
Cr Evan Williams
Cr James Leslie
Cr Russell Armstrong

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)
Nathan Hole (Planning and Regulation Manager)
Toni Morrison (Senior Planner)
Paul Morris (Finance and Administration Manager)
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from Cr Noel Jackson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the committee confirm and adopt as a correct record the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting on October 16, 2014.

Claire Barlow/Graham Smith

REPORTS:

ADOPTION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY:

Resolved that the report be received.

Russell Armstrong/Graham Smith

The purpose of this report was for the committee to adopt the final Significance and Engagement Policy. The Mayor asked councillors if they had read the report and the submission from Walter Speck. They had.

Cr Leslie asked a question regarding the wording on page 19, point 'h'. Toni Morrison said the wording comes directly from the Local Government Act. Cr

Leslie questioned whether it was possible to pull out a single item such as a sports field from this list if council was considering a sale. Toni Morrison said if a particular asset was to be sold the policy means it would need to go through a special consultative procedure.

Cr Leslie also asked regarding the Twizel Medical Centre in the list of strategic assets on page 19. To avoid confusion he said we are talking about the property, not the business. He believed it would be clearer to say the land and buildings in the policy.

Toni Morrison asked if a decision had been made by council that would enable her to remove the Twizel Medical Centre from the policy. The chief executive said council has made a commitment to the deal regarding the new Twizel Medical Centre and has consulted with the public on the sale. A decision has been made. Toni Morrison recommended that an amendment be made to remove the Twizel Medical Centre from the policy.

The Mayor asked if clarification regarding the wording of the medical centre at Fairlie was needed. No. She suggested a resolution to remove the Twizel Medical Centre from the list of strategic assets in the policy.

Resolved that the Twizel Medical Centre be removed from the list of strategic assets in the Significance and Engagement Policy.

Murray Cox/Russell Armstrong

The committee then turned to the submission from Walter Speck. Toni Morrison said Mr Speck has not requested specific changes to the policy but would like to see consultation undertaken every time council wants to sell land.

The Mayor said while we don't accept the wording of the policy needs to change, we need to accept his suggestion. She said the analysis of this issue provided in the report was accurate and a good reflection of the situation.

Cr Cox said the land for sale will go up for consultation as part of the Long Term Plan. Paul Morris explained that a new process will see a separate consultation on land for sale, and this will see the list of land go on the website and be available for the public.

Cr Cox said during the District Plan review there would be consideration on whether the land is re-zoned.

The Mayor asked if forestry blocks were included in the list of strategic assets. No. Councillors will have a discussion on this as part of the Long Term Plan process.

Resolved:

1. That council notes the submission from Walter Speck and that no changes are made to the Significance and Engagement Policy.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

2. That the committee adopt the final Significance and Engagement Policy.

Russell Armstrong/Evan Williams

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.56AM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____